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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEWS ON JUNE 25-26 EC COUNCIL MEETING

1. ON HIS RETURN FROM LUXEMBOURG MINECON DIRECTOR VAN WIJK
PHONED ECON/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TO GIVE BRIEF RUNDOWN ON
SUBSTANCE AND ATMOSPHERE AT LUXEMBOURG COUNCIL MEETING.

2. ON MTN GOLOBAL CONCEPT VAN WIJK EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT
IN INTRANSIGENCE OF FRENCH ON CAP. HE WAS PLEASED HOWEVER
THAT CONCEPT OF HARMONIZATION NOW TAKES SECOND PLACE TO
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OBJECTIVE OF LIBERALIZATION AND THAT EC WILL NOW BE ABLE TO PROCEED UNDER MTN NEGOTIATION SCHEDULE. DUTCH DELEGATION WAS DIVIDED ON WHETHER TO PUT UP STIFFER FIGHT AGAINST FRENCH ON CAP ISSUE BUT FINALLY DECIDED THAT " HALF A LOAF WAS BETTER THAN NONE."

3. ON ARTICLE 24:6 CHIEF DUTCH DELEGATE (MFA STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST) PUT UP GOOD FIGHT TO GET GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMISSION BUT FRENCH, ALTHOUGH COMPLETELY ISOLATED, INSISTED THAT DECEMBER MANDATE REMAIN UNCHANGED AND THAT COMMISSION COME TO NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WITH PRECISE LIST OF CONCESSIONS THEY PROPOSE TO OFFER BY COUNTRY. VAN WIJK PROFESSED TO BELIEVE THAT SOME FORM OF EXPLORATORY TALKS BETWEEN US AND COMMISSION IS STILL POSSIBLE BUT SUCH TALKS MUST BE COMPLETELY UNOFFICIAL.

4. VAN WIJK WAS NOT PRESENT AT OTHER MEETINGS BUT WE WILL SEEK DUTCH VIEWS ON THEM FROM APPROPRIATE SOURCE WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.
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